

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner has allowed claims 12-20, drawn to a method for bonding a wire to a semiconductor device. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's review and allowance. Applicants have chosen at this time to take the allowance on claims 12-20 and cancel the rejected claims 1-8, as described in detail above.

Claim objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 9-11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 9 and 10 in independent form, including the limitations of claim 1, their base claim. Applicants did not revise claim 11 since it is now dependent upon newly amended claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9, 10 and 11 are now placed in a condition of allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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